

jobs due to the effects of international trade. TAA benefits are designed to help displaced workers transition back into the job market, and that is precisely what we need during this prolonged period of high unemployment. In my State of Rhode Island, the unemployment rate has been over 10 percent for 30 straight months and currently stands at 10.6 percent.

TAA benefits will help advance our economic recovery and get Americans back to work. In the past 2 years, over 1,400 Rhode Islanders have been helped by the job training services provided through, and the readjustment allowances have offered those workers a modest bridge until they can get back on their feet.

I have said throughout the economic downturn that we need to stand up for people who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, and this is especially true for trade-displaced workers. President Kennedy made this point when he signed TAA into law in 1962. He said then, regarding the effects of U.S. trade policy on our workers, that "those injured . . . should not be required to bear the full brunt of the impact. Rather, the burden of economic adjustment should be borne in part by the federal government."

I know that American workers can compete and succeed in the global markets when given a level playing field. But for too long, our policy has been to encourage cheaper imports from countries with lax environmental standards and few protections for their workers.

TAA benefits help workers in the manufacturing and service sectors to adjust to a rapidly changing global economy. This legislation will ensure that this help remains available, especially with so many people still out of work in Rhode Island and throughout the country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

BECHTEL BWX TECHNOLOGIES IDAHO LLC

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I recognize Bechtel BWX Technologies Idaho LLC's, BBWI, legacy at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, AMWTP.

Under the leadership of Jeff Mousseau, appointed manager of the project in November 2007, and with the commitment and dedication of the skilled workforce, the AMWTP has flourished. Jeff Mousseau led the Bechtel team efficiently and safely to exceed benchmarks. AMWTP went from being 3 years behind to more than 3 years ahead of scheduled requirements to move waste out of Idaho. No other site in the U.S. Department of Energy, DOE, Complex has enabled the permanent disposal of as much radioactive waste at the DOE Waste Isolation Pilot Plant more safely and compliantly than AMWTP.

The company's dedicated employees have achieved a record of removing the

waste safely. BBWI employees have worked more than 12.4 million hours and 2,839 days without a lost-time injury. In 2010 and 2008, the company earned national safety awards that included an Occupational Excellence Award, Perfect Record Award, Safety Leadership Award and Million Hours Worked Award. In 2007, the company earned the first-ever Integrated Safety Management Systems verification following assumption of the AMWTP contract. The company's safety achievements have also been recognized through the 2005 DOE Electrical Safety Challenge; 2008 Bechtel Safety Achievement Award in recognition of achieving more than five million job hours without a lost-time injury; 2008 Secretary of Energy's Appreciation Award for Electrical Safety; and 2009 Voluntary Protection Program verification.

BBWI has also been an active and involved corporate partner to Idaho. Through its community contributions, the company has supported civic, arts, cultural and education organizations and initiatives that have strengthened the fabric of many communities and improved the quality of life for many Idahoans. BBWI has been supportive of Idaho small businesses; more than 80 percent of its contracts for materials and services are awarded to small businesses. In 2009, DOE recognized BBWI with its Small Business Achievement Award and, in 2006, with DOE's Mentor Protégé award for the company's relationship with North Wind.

It is a privilege to acknowledge a job well done. The significant achievements of BBWI's workforce and Jeff Mousseau's leadership have resulted in the project being ahead of schedule and under budget with a recognized safety record. Thank you for your remarkable service.●

REMEMBERING J. ROBB BRADY

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a distinguished Idahoan, J. Robb Brady. I join his family and friends in mourning his passing and paying tribute to his legacy.

Robb Brady is well known for his work as a journalist and publisher of the Idaho Falls Post Register, my hometown newspaper. Starting at the Post Register in 1941, he advanced in his field and served as publisher for more than 10 years. Throughout his career, he was a respected and knowledgeable voice. He earned a reputation as being a professional and principled journalist who was devoted to his wife of 69 years, Rose, his family, work and community. His talent and dedication have been noted by many who worked with him. He was also known for being humble, committed and compassionate.

In addition to his exemplary hard work, Robb Brady demonstrated a commitment to the community and maintaining Idaho's natural resources. He

supported local charitable efforts, including his purchase and donation of the Idaho Fall's Haven shelter. As an outdoorsman, who backpacked and camped with his family, Robb Brady had an appreciation for our natural resources, and he worked to conserve them.

With Robb Brady's passing, we have lost a kind and valued member of our community, but his example will not be forgotten. He has left an indelible mark in the lives of the many people who knew him, worked with him and learned from him. I extend my condolences and prayers to his family, friends and loved ones. Robb Brady's legacy will endure as a significant contribution to Idaho's strength and history.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE GREENE

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to note a special occasion next week, the unveiling of a portrait at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to honor a dedicated public servant and a keen legal mind, Judge William P. Greene, Jr.

Judge Greene is a prime example of an American who has dedicated himself to the well being of our country and its veterans. He was born in Bluefield, WV, a small coal town in the Appalachian mountains. His grandfather worked on the rail cars transporting coal, but also was a school teacher and instilled in his family the value of education and hard work. Judge Greene's father continued that example, working on the railroads while pursuing a degree from Bluefield State College—an institution originally founded to train African-American teachers who would then instruct in the segregated schools. Judge Greene's parents both graduated from that institution and went on to teach in their community. His father was then drafted after the attack on Pearl Harbor and went on to become a commissioned officer and serve with the famed "Buffalo Soldiers"—the only African American infantry unit to see combat in Europe during World War II. Judge Greene's affinity and pride for the Buffalo Soldiers became a life-long passion, as demonstrated by his involvement in the construction and dedication of the Buffalo Soldier Monument in Fort Leavenworth, KS. In the portrait being unveiled, one of Judge Greene's many Buffalo Soldier paintings can be seen in the background.

As a result of his father's military career, Judge Greene moved a number of times during his formative years, and learned from an early age to get along with a wide variety of people under varying circumstances. He subsequently put those skills and abilities to good use as a citizen, a servicemember, and a leader in the legal field.

Before joining the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Judge Greene graduated with a bachelor of arts in political science from West Virginia State College, where he participated in Army ROTC and accepted an

Army Commission. He was designated to serve with the Armor Branch, but while awaiting orders to jump school, Judge Greene was offered acceptance to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps on the condition that he take the LSAT and be admitted to a law school which was scheduled to start in just a few weeks. Three years later he received his law degree from Howard University School of Law, passed the West Virginia Bar, and became an officer in the Army JAG Corps. He married his West Virginia childhood sweetheart and spent the next 25 years serving his country and gaining lifelong respect for the men and women in uniform. He received countless awards and honors for his service and expertise in both the law and the military, and he repeatedly demonstrated his great ability to bridge racial tensions and brings more African Americans into the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

As he is known to say when speaking publicly, one of Judge Greene's life mottos is: "When opportunity knocks, you can't say 'wait, let me pack my bags.'" So when in 1993 another opportunity presented itself, Greene took it, and left the Army to serve as an immigration judge for the U.S. He worked tirelessly in that position, handling thousands of immigration matters in the 3 years he served in that capacity.

Then, opportunity knocked again. It was a proud day in 1997, when President Clinton appointed Judge Greene to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Until 1988, the Veterans Administration, now the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, was the only Federal agency that was not subject to judicial review. In a long overdue decision, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs created the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims with my full support. Veterans deserved judicial oversight and the creation of the court was a major accomplishment during his first term in the Senate. As a skilled attorney and a veteran, Judge Greene brought a keen understanding of veterans' issues to the bench. He served as the court's chief judge from 2005 to 2010, and was known for his character and leadership during a time of tremendous growth and change at the court.

Although he officially retired last year, his commitment to hard work continues and Judge Greene currently serves as a senior judge on the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Judge William P. Greene, Jr., is a soldier, a jurist, and an American to be respected, and I am proud to recognize and honor his service today.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2608) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1619. A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3378. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Taiwan's Air Defense Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3379. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3380. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA659) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3381. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Decrease for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XA652) received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3382. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA673) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3383. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA685) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3384. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Other Rockfish, Other Flatfish, Sharks, and Skates in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA672) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3385. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Octopus in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XA683) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3386. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA680) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3387. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA684) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3388. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish for Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Entry Level Fishery" (RIN0648-XA678) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3389. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Management Measures" (RIN0648-BA69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.